GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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COLLECTION OF TAX BY CANTONMENT BOARDS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cantonment Boards situated at Jalandhar and Firozpur, Punjab are collecting tax from the public and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has issued any directions or notified any proposal regarding non-collection of tax from the public by said Cantonment Boards; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which the Government is likely to issue notification in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) The taxes levied by the Jalandhar and Firozpur Cantonment Board are:

Jalandhar:- Octroi Tax, House Tax, Water Tax, Profession Tax, Scavenging Tax, Cycle Tax and Dog Tax.

Ferozpur:- House Tax, Water Tax, Dog Tax, Show Tax, Octroi Tax and Toll Tax.

(b) & (c): In the case of Jalandhar and Firozpur Cantonment Boards, the Government in the year 2012, by way of notification, has made bye laws to amend the existing Cantonment Octroi Bye-laws to provide that notwithstanding anything contained in these bye-laws, the Boards may with the prior approval of Central Government, enter into an agreement with the State Government of Punjab, to suspend the collection of Octroi on goods, except on electricity, petrol or diesel or liquor, entering within or transiting through the limits of Cantonment, for such period as may be agreed upon and to the extent compensated by that Government.